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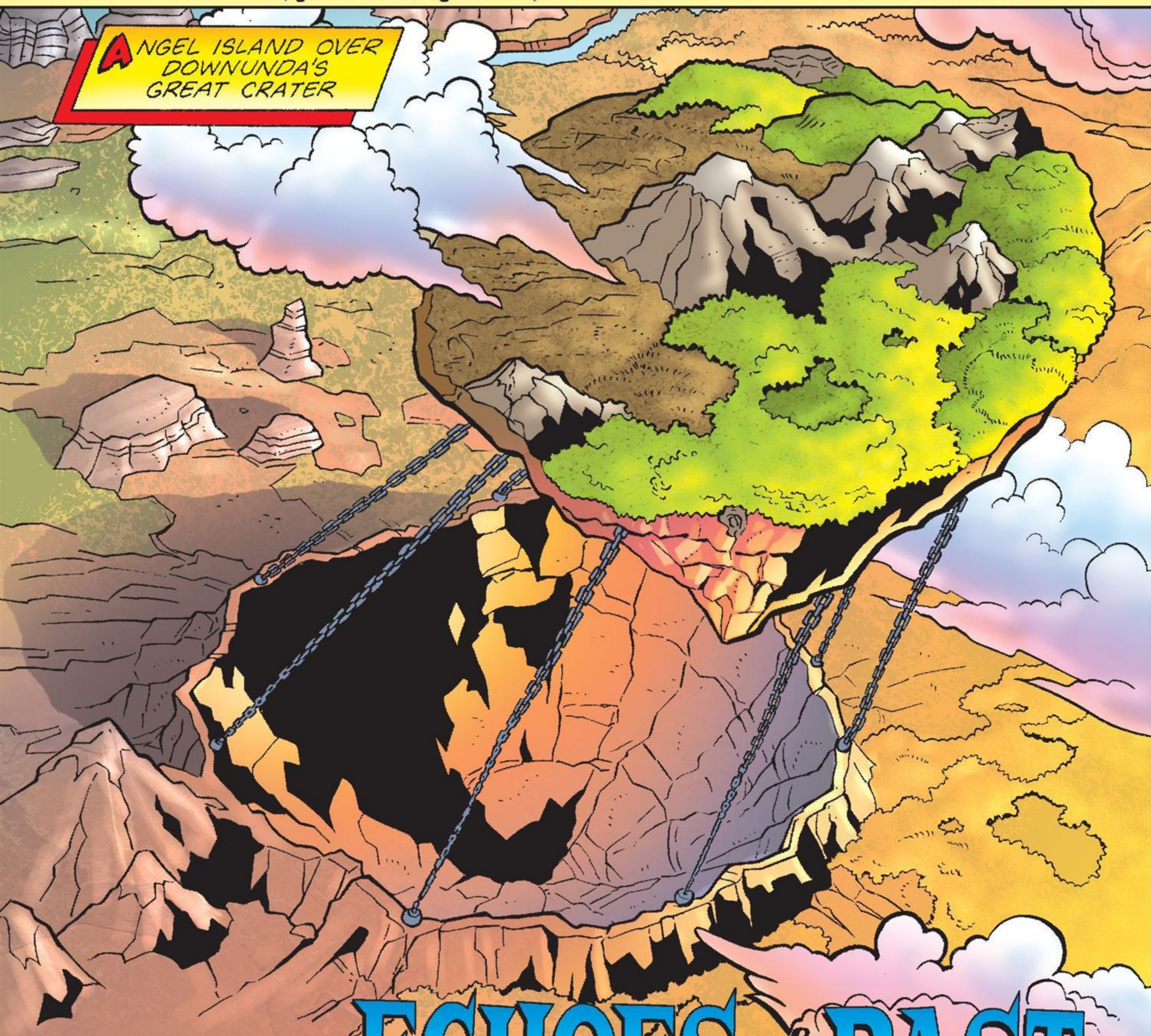
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ANGEL ISLAND OVER
DOWNUNDA'S
GREAT CRATER



ECHOES of the PAST

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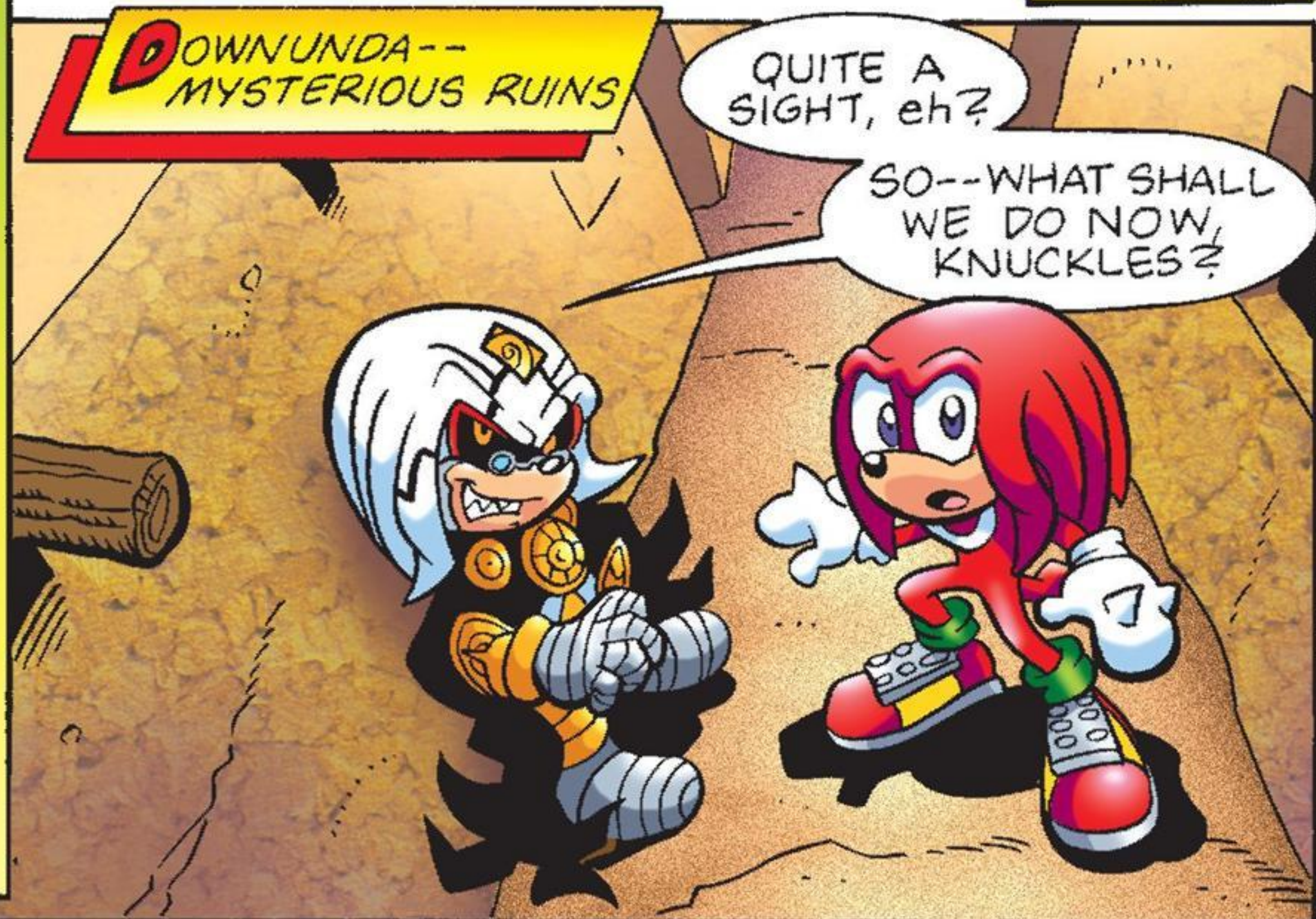
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DOWNUNDA--
MYSTERIOUS RUINS

QUITE A
SIGHT, eh?

SO--WHAT SHALL
WE DO NOW,
KNUCKLES?





DR. FINITEVUS
EVIL SCIENTIST

KNUCKLES THE
ECHIDNA
GUARDIAN OF
ANGEL ISLAND

I KNOW
YOU'RE BEHIND
ALL THIS!

HOW DID
YOU ACTIVATE
THOSE CHAINS?
WHY IS YOUR LAB IN
A BUNCH OF RUINS
THAT SHOULDN'T
EXIST?

I WANT
ANSWERS!

AND YET
YOU ASK USELESS
QUESTIONS.

HOW COULD
I HAVE ATTACKED
ANGEL ISLAND
WHILE YOU WERE
THROWING ME
INTO WALLS?

MY CHOICE
IN LOCATIONS
IS NONE OF YOUR
BUSINESS, AND I
HAVE NEITHER THE
TIME NOR THE
INCLINATION TO FILL
IN THE GAPS OF YOUR
LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP
INDOCTRINATION.

MIGHTY THE
ARMADILLO
CHAOTIX
STRONG-MAN

EASY,
KNUX.

THE *REAL*
QUESTIONS RIGHT
NOW ARE, WHO DID
THIS, AND HOW DO
WE RESCUE YOUR
PRECIOUS ISLAND?

BECAUSE
I NEED THE
MASTER EMERALD
TO FURTHER MY
RESEARCH, IT IS AT
RISK NOW, AND
SO I AM DEEPLY
CONCERNED.

AND
WE SHOULD
BELIEVE
YOU CARE--
WHY?

JULIE-SU
KNUCKLES'
PARTNER

I'VE
GOT A TEAM
WATCHING THE
MASTER EMERALD.
IT'S SAFE--
ESPECIALLY FROM
YOU.

FWASH

DUDE!
WE JUST GOT
AMBUSHED AND
NOW THE ISLAND'S
HOOKED LIKE
A TROUT!

HAHA HA!
SAFE INDEED!

HEY! THAT'S
DR. FINITEVUS!

IS THERE
A REASON WE'RE
NOT POUNDING
THIS GUY INTO
SALSA?

WE'RE STILL
FIGURING THAT
OUT.

OKAY,
I SAID
WE GOT JUMPED
BY A BUNCH
OF ROBOTS,
RIGHT?

**VECTOR THE
CROCODILE
CHAOTIX
DE FACTO LEADER**

**RAY THE
FLYING
SQUIRREL
CHAOTIX
JUNIOR
MEMBER**

HEY, DO THEY
KNOW YOU LEFT
DOWNUNDA AS
A KID?

RAY! IXNAY ON
MY I STORY-HAY!

DID YOUR
ROBOTS HAPPEN
TO LOOK LIKE DINGOES
WITH WINGS?

YEAH. WHY?



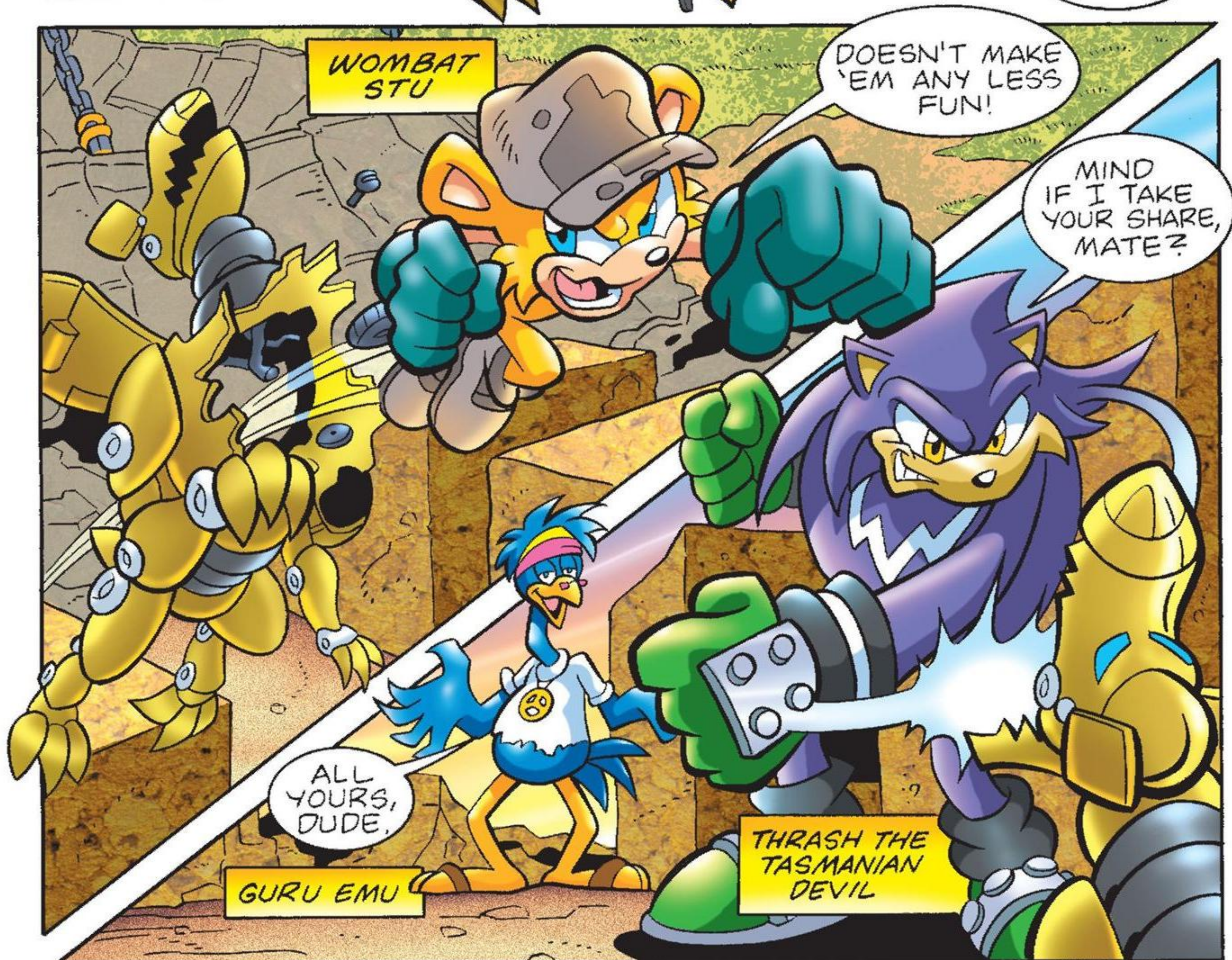
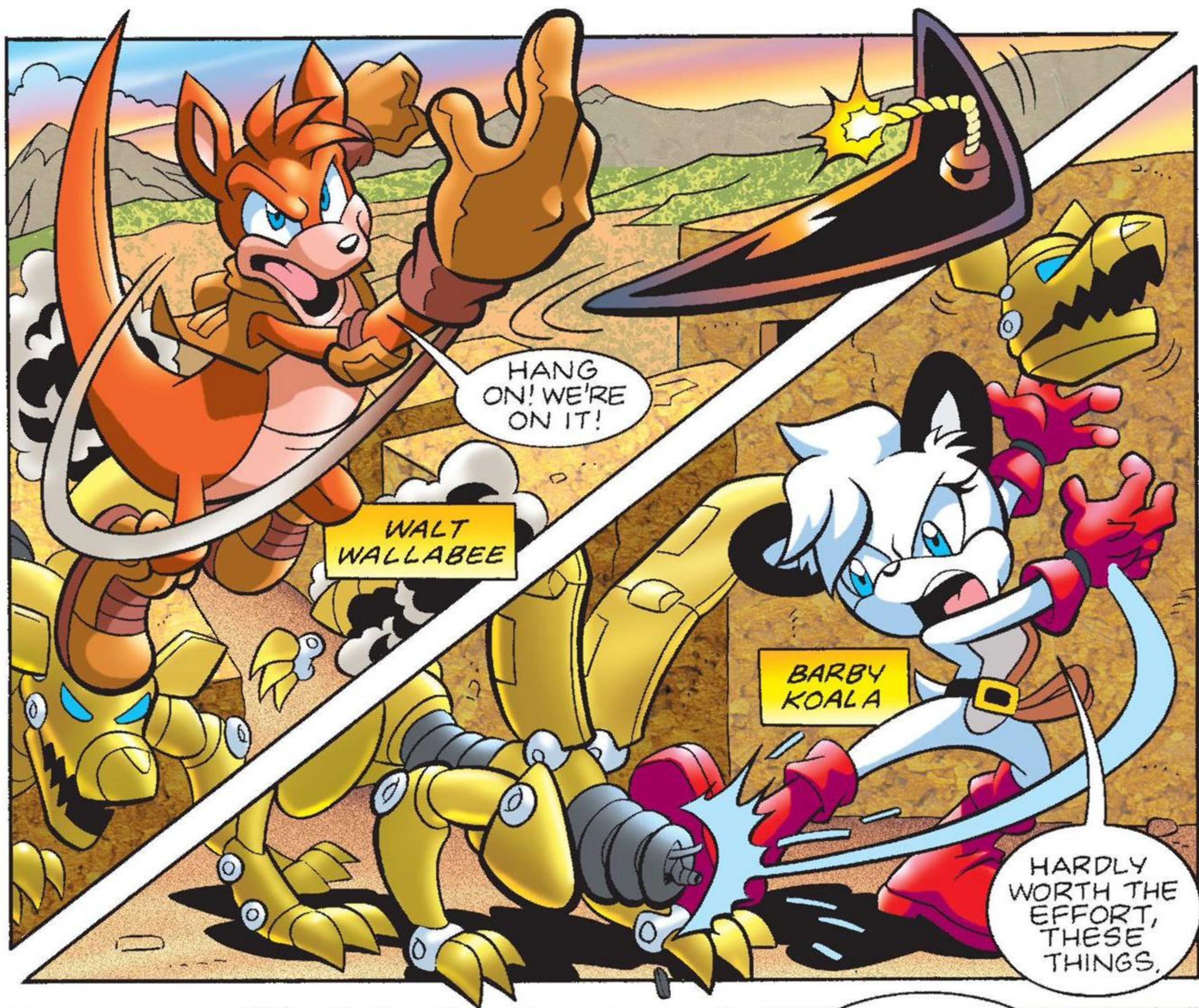
IT APPEARS WE'RE COMRADES FOR THE DURATION.

BECAUSE I THINK THEY FOLLOWED YOU HERE.

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK.

HERE THEY COME, CHAOTIX.

GET READY!





WOW,
NICE ENTRANCE,
KNUCKLES THE
ECHIDNA AND
THE CHAOTIX,

REALLY?
I THOUGHT I HAD
YOU PEGGED!

WALT WALLABEE
OF THE DOWNUNDA
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
WE'VE HEARD GOOD
THINGS ABOUT YOU,
MATE.

ABOUT
HIM,
MAYBE.

YOU'VE
GOT A LOT
OF NERVE
COMING BACK,
VECTOR.

NOT REALLY
MY CHOICE,
BARBY.



THERE SURE
ARE A LOT OF
ECHIDNAS
ALL OF A
SUDDEN.

I'M FEELIN'
SOME SERIOUSLY
HARSH VIBES
HERE, DUDES.

AGREED. LET'S
TAKE COVER AND
GET EVERYONE
ACQUAINTED.

GOOD
IDEA.

SOON...

...SO CHARMY AND SAFFRON TOOK TIME TO LOOK FOR THEIR PEOPLE. OUR INVESTIGATION LED US HERE, AND VECTOR AND RAY JOINED US VIA WARP RING AFTER THE ROBOT ATTACK.

HAHA!
WOW!

ALL
THE ENERJAK
BUSINESS *AND*
TAKING DOWN
EGGMAN!

IT MAKES
OUR FIGHT
LOOK LIKE
NOTHING

LOOKS
LIKE I
CAME HOME
AT THE WRONG
TIME.

COME
ON, NOW.
WE'VE HAD
OUR SHARE OF
PROBLEMS.

TOTALLY.

THE SPIRIT
OF THE TEAM'S
MAJORLY SUFFERING.
THE DARK EGG LEGION
IS THROWING OFF THE
HARMONY OF
THE WHOLE
LAND.

DARK EGG
LEGION?

HERE?

SURE,
A WHOLE
PLATYPUS
ARMY.

WHAT?

WALT, THE
LEGION IS
EXCLUSIVELY
ECHIDNAS AND
BASED IN NEW
MEGAOPOLIS.



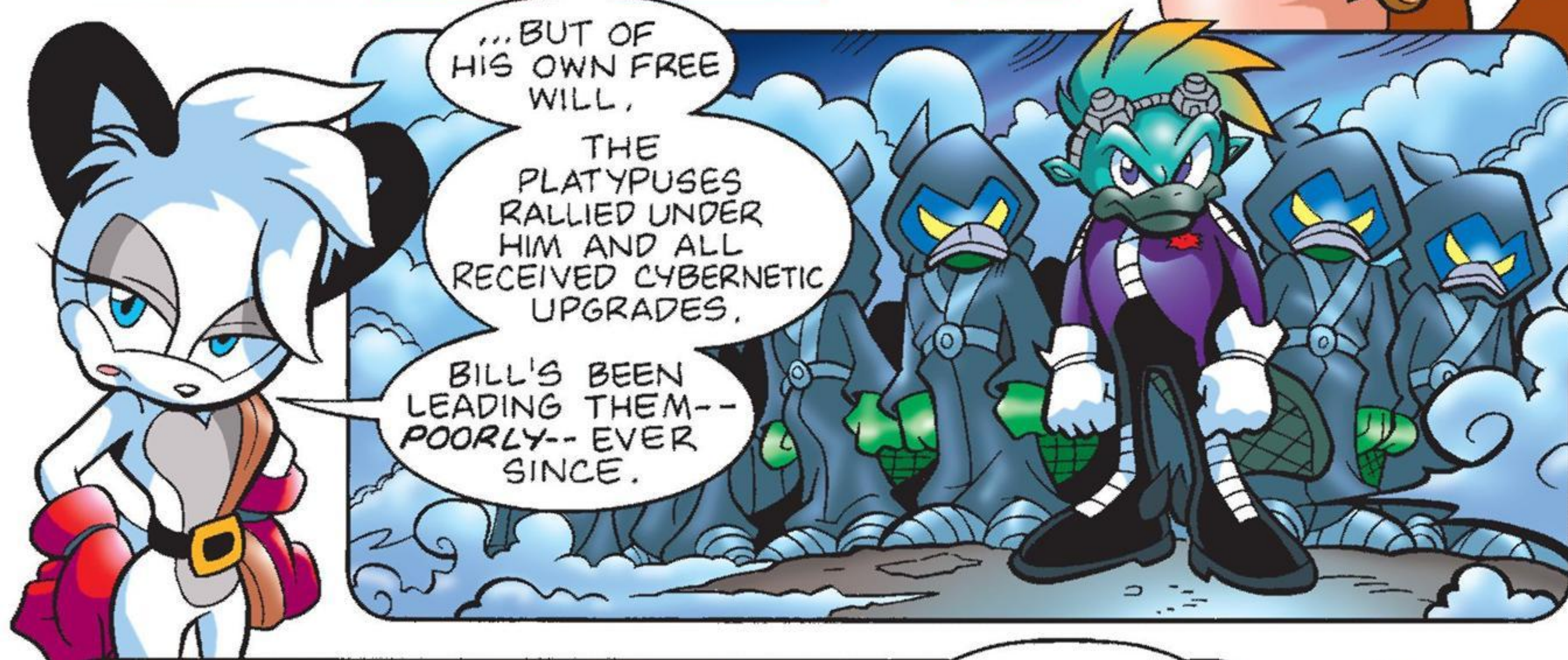
WE'LL START
AT THE BEGINNING,
DUDE.

A LITTLE
OVER A YEAR
AGO, ONE OF
OUR MATE S GOT
BRAINWASHED INTO
INCITING RIOTS
ALL OVER DOWNUNDA.
SONIC HELPED US
GET HIM BACK,
BUT,,



...MONTHS
BACK, DR. ROBOTNIK
MADE ANOTHER
BIG PUSH TO
CONTROL THE
REGION.

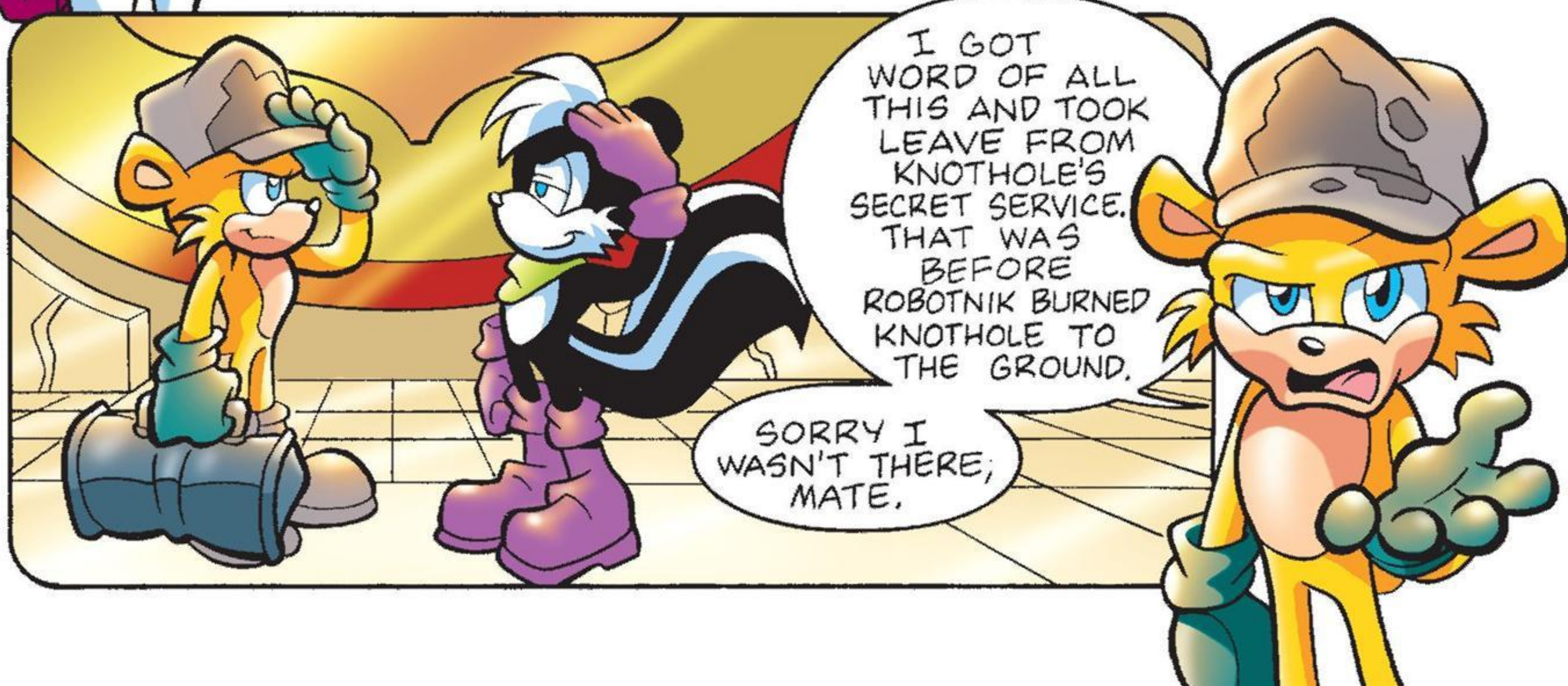
BILL
JOINED
HIS CAUSE
AGAIN...



...BUT OF
HIS OWN FREE
WILL,

THE
PLATYPUSES
RALLIED UNDER
HIM AND ALL
RECEIVED CYBERNETIC
UPGRADES.

BILL'S BEEN
LEADING THEM--
POORLY-- EVER
SINCE.



I GOT
WORD OF ALL
THIS AND TOOK
LEAVE FROM
KNOTHOLE'S
SECRET SERVICE.
THAT WAS
BEFORE
ROBOTNIK BURNED
KNOTHOLE TO
THE GROUND.

SORRY I
WASN'T THERE,
MATE.





TELL ME
SOMETHING,
KNUX.

JUST
HOW MUCH
DO YOU TRUST
YOUR MAN
FINITEVUS?



I DON'T.

I
GLOSSED
OVER SOME
OF THE
DETAILS, BUT
HE'S
RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY
FATHER'S
DEATH.



HE'S
ONLY WITH
US OUT OF
NECESSITY RIGHT
NOW.

GOOD.

"GOOD"?

I WAS
AFRAID I
WAS LAYING
BAD NEWS AT
YOUR FEET,
MATE.

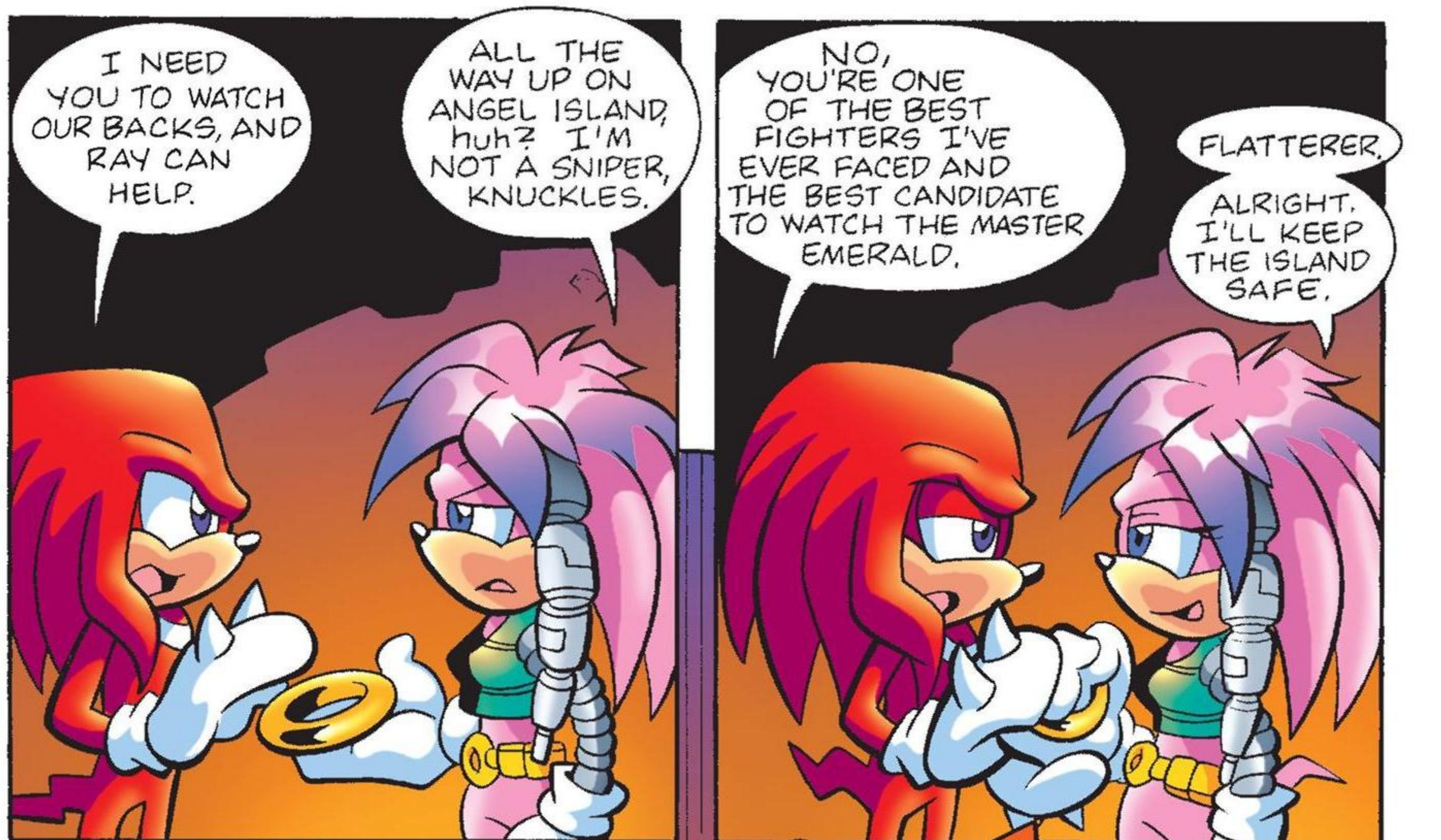
WE'VE SEEN
HIM WORKING
WITH THE
LEGION FOR A
FEW DAYS NOW. I'M
WILLING TO BET HE'S
GETTING READY
TO DOUBLE-CROSS
YOU.

I KNEW
IT!

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE STOPPED
WHEN I--!







THE GREAT
CRATER--RIM

HERE'S
ONE OF THE
LAUNCHERS...

...AND
THEY USE WARP
RING TECH TO COVER
THE DISTANCE TO
ANGEL ISLAND,

FINITEVUS
WAS BEHIND
THIS FROM THE
BEGINNING.

PRETTY
COOL WAY
OF
GETTING
AROUND
THE
TENSION
ISSUE.

VEC, DON'T
COMPLIMENT
THAT GUY'S...

GET
DOWN!

GET
DOWN
TO WHERE,
MAN?

**THE GREAT
CRATER--BASIN**

I MUST
ADMIT--
BEING PART OF
A STRIKE TEAM
IS AN AMUSING
NOVELTY.

HOPE
YOU ENJOYED
IT, CHUM.
YOU AIN'T GOT
MUCH LEFT
TO LOOK
FORWARD
TO.

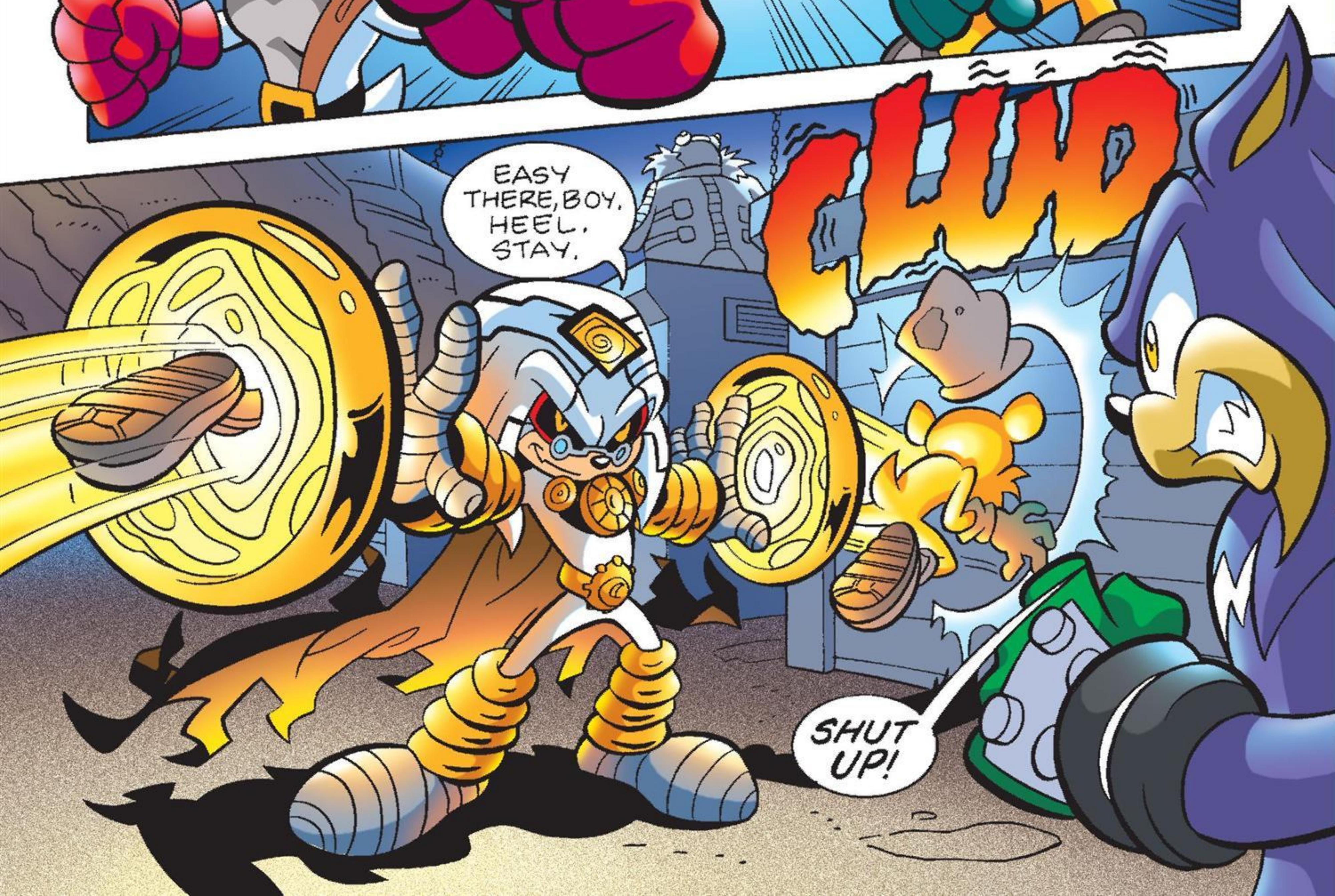
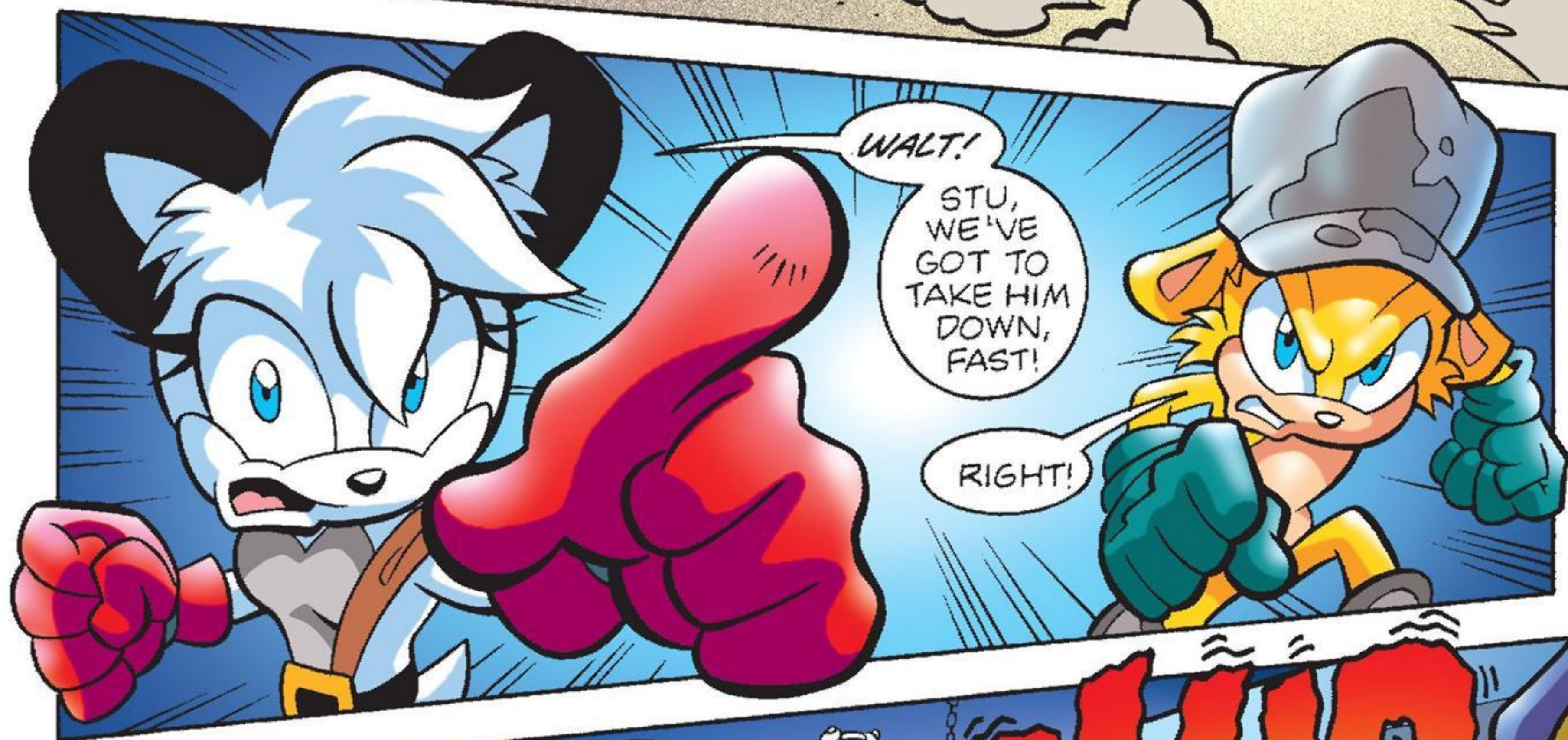
KEEP THIS
PROFESSIONAL,
THRASH.

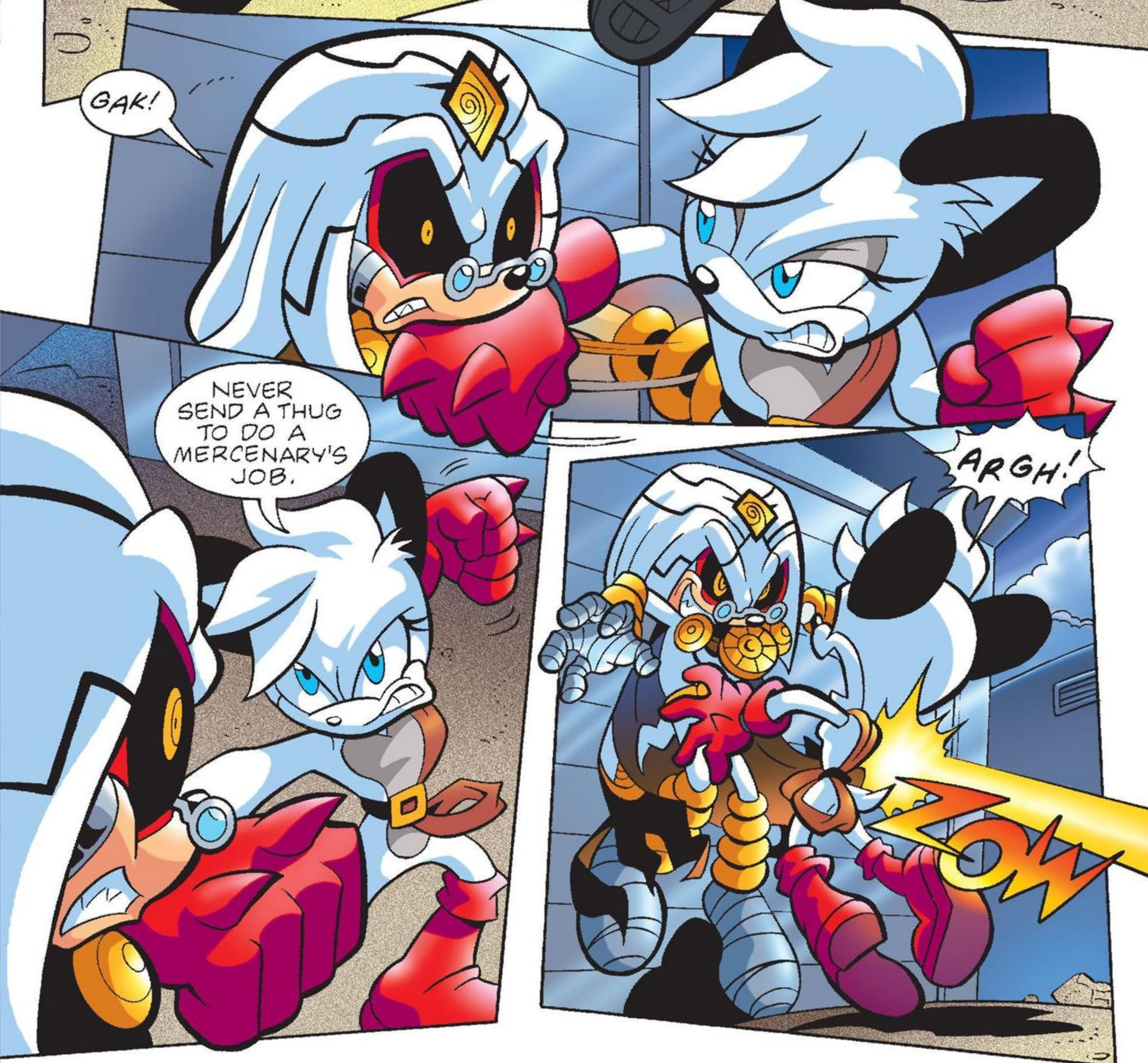
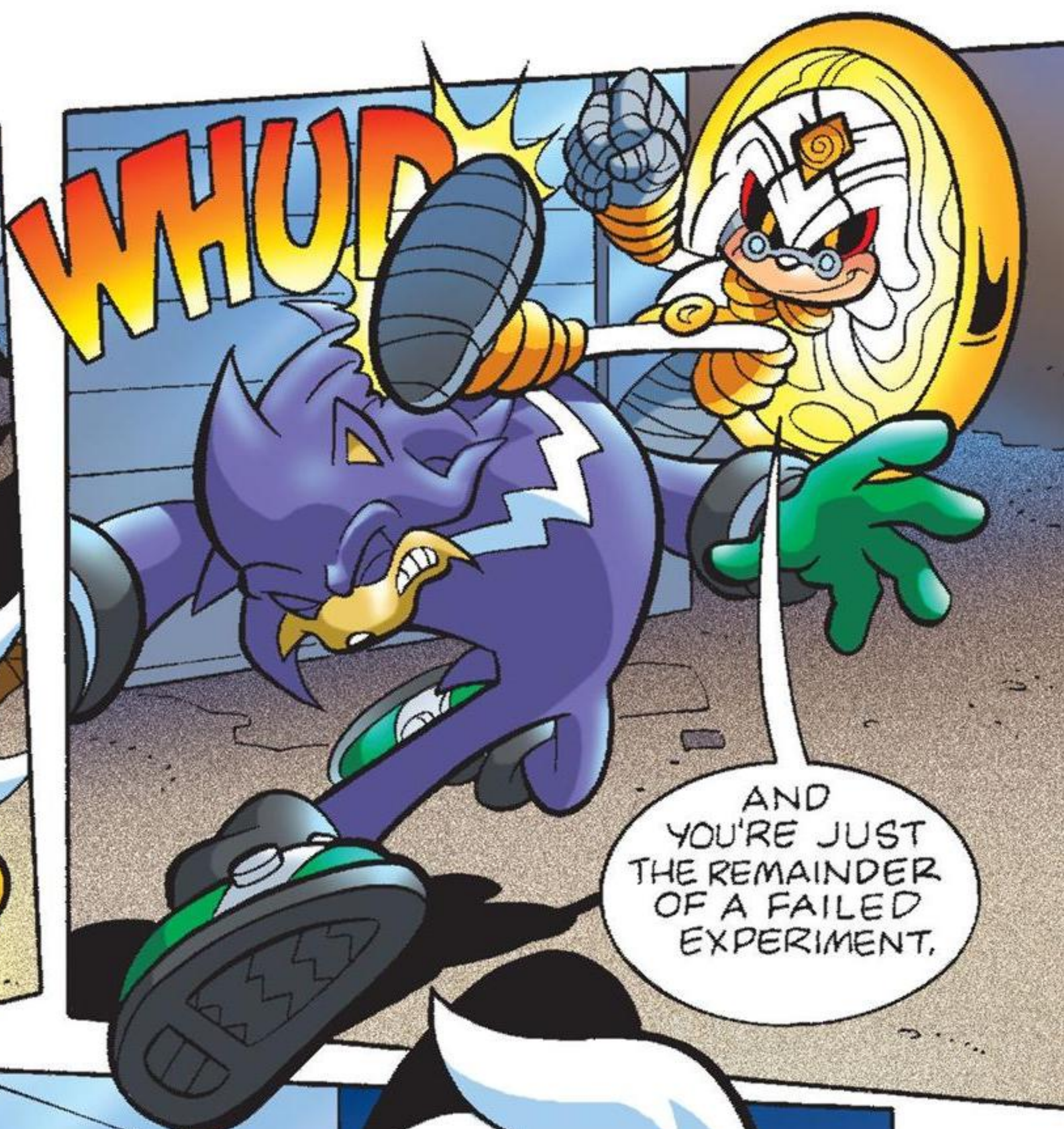
QUICK,
QUIET, AND
WE FIND
BILL,

WHAT CAN
YOU EXPECT
FROM HIM?

HIS
"BREED" IS
USELESS NEXT
TO THE REST
OF THE MONGRELS
MY KIND
PERFECTED.

YOU--
SHUT--
YOUR--
FILTHY--







FINE!
MORE FOR
ME!
BRING
IT ON
YOU--!

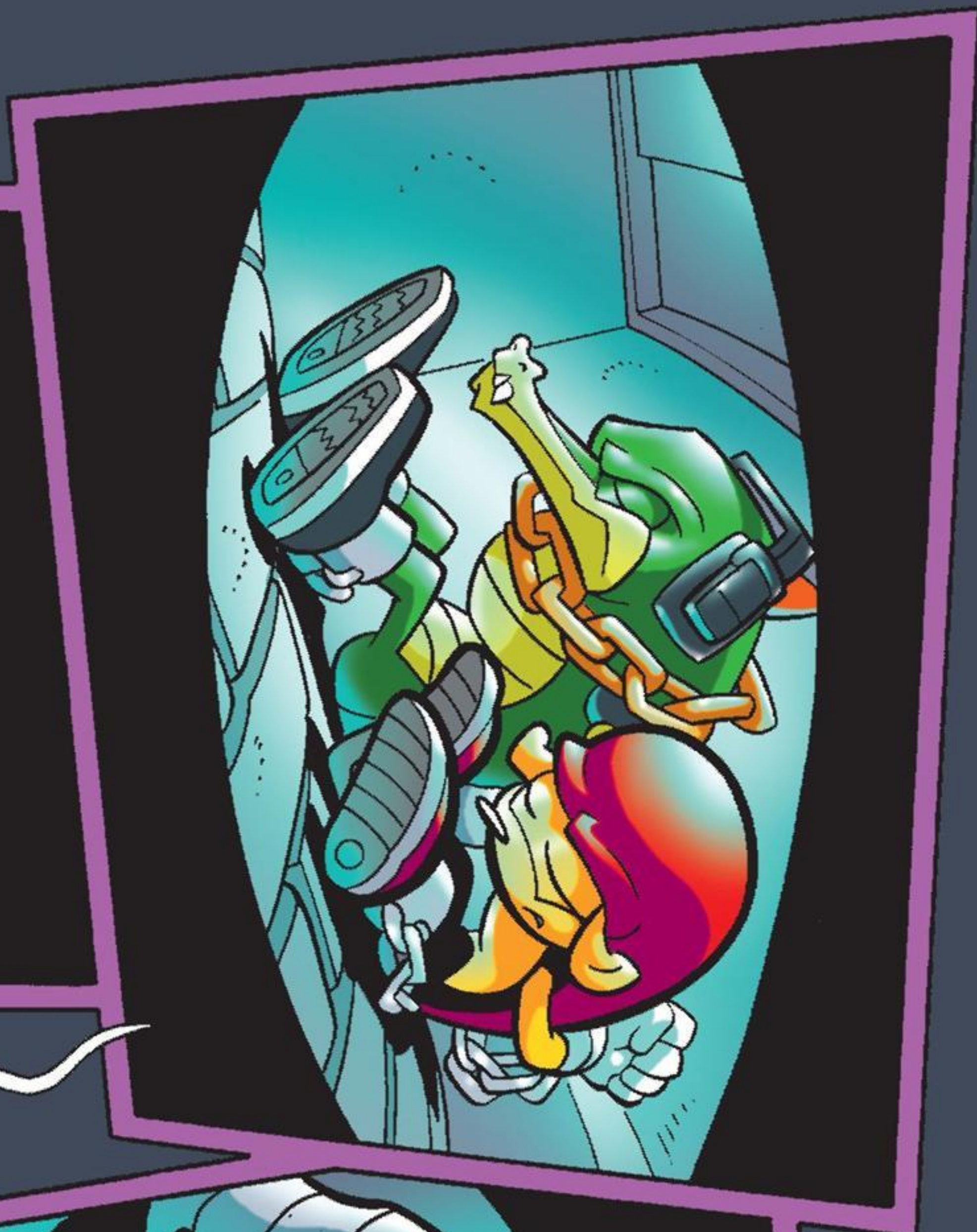


RRRGH!

g... guru...

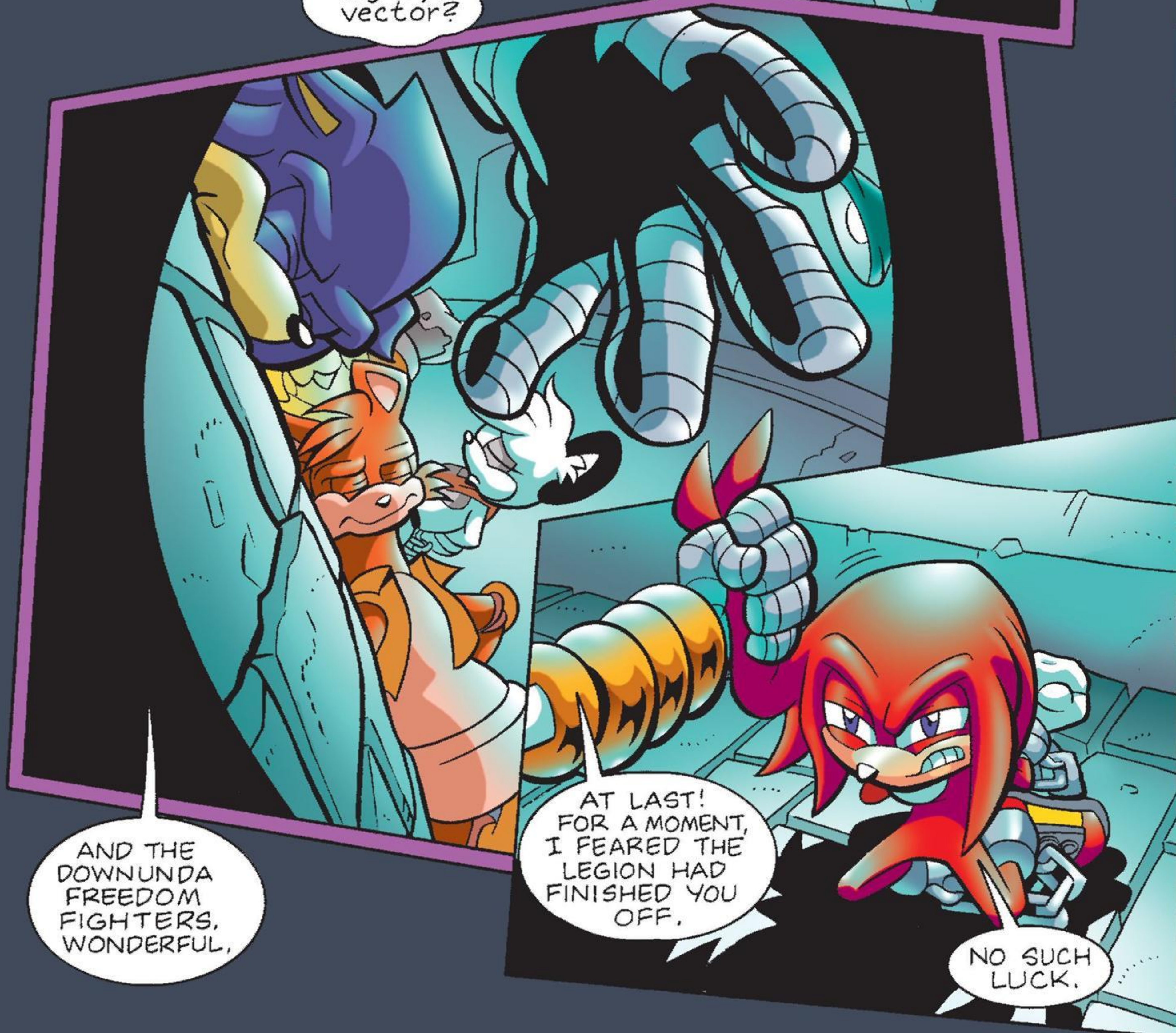
YOU
SHOULD'VE
GONE WITH
THE FLOW,
MAN.





ungh...

mighty?
vector?



AND THE
DOWNUNDA
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS,
WONDERFUL,

AT LAST!
FOR A MOMENT,
I FEARED THE
LEGION HAD
FINISHED YOU
OFF.

NO SUCH
LUCK.



OF COURSE.
YOU WOULDN'T
BE A GUARDIAN IF
YOU DIDN'T STUBBORNLY
DELAY THE
INEVITABLE!

**The Chaotix and Downunda Freedom
Fighters – down and out?!**

**How can they escape from the den
of the enemy?**

And what about Angel Island?

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OFF PANEL

ECHOES of the PAST

"RAY SAVES THE DAY"



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ECHOES of the PAST

"GOTCHA!"



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